

HIDAYATULLAH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, RAIPUR

**MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 26/02/2023 AT 11:30 AM (HYBRID MODE)**

The meeting of the Academic Council of the Hidayatullah National Law University took place on 26.02.2023 at 11.30 AM in hybrid mode. The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. (Dr.) V.C. Vivekanandan, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, HNLU – Chairman
2. Prof.(Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal, Vice Chancellor, SRM University, Sonapat
3. Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi
4. Prof.(Dr.) A. David Ambrose, Former Head (RTD), Department of Legal Studies, University of Madras, Chennai
5. Prof.(Dr.) Uday Shankar– Member Secretary & Registrar, HNLU
6. Prof.(Dr.) Yogendra Kumar Srivastava–Professor & Dean, HNLU
7. Prof.(Dr.) Vishnu Konoorayar– Professor &Dean, HNLU
8. Dr. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Associate Professor & Dean, HNLU
9. Dr.Vipan Kumar, Dean (IRAP) – Associate Professor & Dean, HNLU
10. Dr. Avinash Samal, Assistant Professor & Dean (Social Sciences), HNLU
11. Dr. Y. Papa Rao, Associate Professor
12. Dr. Uttam Kumar Panda, Assistant Professor
13. Dr.Nirmal Kumar Shukla, Senior Advocate
14. Shri H.B. Agrawal, Senior Advocate
15. Shri Govind Ram Miri, Senior Advocate

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of HNLU & Chairman of the Academic Council welcomed the members present in the meeting. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up and decided as under:

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1.	<p><u>Perusal and approval of the minutes of the Academic Council meeting dated 16.10.2022.</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u> Minutes of the Academic Council meeting dated 16.10.2022 is placed for perusal and approval.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> Confirmed</p>
2.	<p><u>Perusal of the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Academic Council meeting dated 16.10.2022.</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u> Action Taken Report on the decisions of the Academic Council meeting dated 16.10.2022 is placed for perusal.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> Action taken report confirmed.</p>

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3.	<p><u>A brief update on the achievements of the University for the year 2022-23.</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u> Presentation by the Vice Chancellor</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> A brief update on the achievements of the University for the year 2022-23 was presented by the Vice Chancellor to the members. The members placed their appreciation on the accomplishments of the University.</p>
4.	<p><u>Information of projects/workshops undertaken/organized by the faculty members.</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <p>Three new projects have been undertaken namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Capacity building and personality development program for undergraduate and postgraduate female students</u>, funded by NCW, Delhi b. <u>International Conference on International Trade in Marine Life and Fisheries</u>, funded by Shastri Conference and Legal Series Grant under the ages of the Shastri-Indo Canadian Institute. c. <u>Rights of Women to Sexual Health and Choices</u> – A Jurisprudential Conundrum, funded by NCW, New Delhi <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>The members commended the University for bagging the sponsored projects.</p>
5.	<p><u>Approval of Gold Medals for UG and PG students of passing out in 2022</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) To approve award of Gold Medals to the eligible students of B.A.LL.B. (Honours) Degree Programme. b) To approve award of Gold Medals to the eligible students of LL.M. Degree Programme. <p><u>Notes:</u> The list of eligible students of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) and LL.M. Program for award of Gold Medals has been finalized and same is placed for approval.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> The Academic Council approved the list of awardees of the Gold Medal.</p>
6.	<p><u>Information on Admission of UG and PG for 2023.</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u> The phase-1 and 2 admissions for the batch of 2023-24 through CLAT has been completed and phase-3 to 5 to be completed in May-June 2023.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> The Academic Council took note of the admission process initiated as per the notification issued by the CLAT Consortium.</p>
7.	<p><u>Convocation for the Batch of 2022.</u></p>

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	<p>Notes: With the guidance of the Hon'ble Visitor and Hon'ble Chancellor, HNLU is planning to host the Sixth Convocation on March 18, 2023, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The University has requested the Hon'ble CJI to be the chief guest for the event and awaiting his confirmation. The campus does not have a venue to host around 750-800 participants and is in the process of contracting a hotel near the campus for the same. A detailed schedule and invitation will be sent once the confirmation of the Chief Guest is received.</p> <p>Decision: The Academic Council took note of the details shared on the proposed Convocation for the passing out batch of 2022 and endorsed the same.</p>
8.	<p>Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.</p> <p>a) To deliberate upon Enhancement of examination/revaluation /convocation related fee.</p> <p>Decision: The Academic Council endorsed that the fee structure should be revised periodically, which has not been revised since 2009, and recommended such exercise should be taken periodically, keeping the increase in the cost of services and also can reduce such fees wherever digital alternatives are implemented. The matter is also to be placed on the Finance Committee for implementation.</p> <p>b) Award of Degree to the Undergraduate students of 2022 pass out batch and backlog students who have cleared their course in January 2023.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Year of Graduating 2022 – 2 (two) Students of batch-14 (2014-2019)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 (one) student of batch-15 (2015-2020) - 2 (two) students of batch-16 (2016-2021) - 10 (ten) students of batch-17 (2017-2022) <p>Notes: The students, who could not complete the course due to backlog in different subjects within 5 years, have successfully completed the degree. The list is students submitted for the award of degrees.</p> <p>Decision: The Academic Council approved the award of Degrees to the students and also delegated to the Vice Chancellor to include any other candidate prior to the convocation if found eligible.</p> <p>c) Amendment in the policy of Vice Chancellor Merit-cum-Means Scholarship</p> <p>Notes: Few deserving applicants fall short of the CGPA criteria (6 CGPA) and attendance (80%) in the earlier approved scholarship rules and are requesting condonation of the ceiling. Also, it is felt that the allotted budget</p>

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	<p>may be underutilized. To optimally maximize the benefit of the scheme to the students without compromising the essence of the scholarship, it has been proposed to suitably amend the policy on the ground of the financial constraints of the students.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>The Academic Council deliberated and opined that instead of case-by-case relaxation, the existing rules can be suitably amended to include financially underprivileged candidates with a reasonable academic performance so that they will not discontinue their studies. Accordingly, an amended regulation can be circulated to the members to move forward on this scheme.</p> <p>d) Request of parents of the student relating to agenda item 12(b) of the minutes of the AC meeting held on 16/10/2022 and the current mental status of the student.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <p>The Academic Council was briefed about the plea of the parent not to place item no. 12(B) of the minutes of the Academic Council held on 16/10/2022 as it impacts the privacy of the student and her family though the item had masked the name of the student. The AC was briefed about several incidents of depression-related disturbance created by the student in the campus/medical centre and academic block despite the assurance of the parent that it is being taken care of through medical treatment.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Council strongly endorses the University to direct the parents to submit all records of her current and past medical treatment to ascertain the facts of her medical condition for further decision. b. As an interim measure to approve extraordinary medical leave till the end semester exams and to vacate the hostel for homestay and care. She can come and write the end-semester exams with an escort of a family member during the exams. c. The Council approved the masking of the entire item on the website if it could mitigate the alleged concern of the student but however will be retained in the University records.

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